



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday, 10th December 2025, at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Town Mayor	Cllr B Corrigan (in the Chair)
	Councillors	I Brown (Ap) D Campbell T Collier E Cropper S Crosby S Dickinson L Geary L Goff J Kellas (Ap) D Ledger (Ap) D Moore G Rix N Ross L Roulstone M Skinner M Spoor (A) P Taylor
Apologies received from:	Councillor	D Ledger, I Brown, J Kellas
Town Council Staff:	Deputy Town Clerk	Anna Lawson
Public:	There was 1 member of the press and 3 members of the public present.	
Venue:	Council Chamber	Town Hall

TC33/25/26 Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 17th September 2025

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Town Council held on Wednesday 17th September 2025 were proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr D Campbell, and **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.

TC34/25/26 Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers

Cllr L Goff declared an interest in Newark Community First Aid.

TC35/25/26 Adopted Minutes of the Committees held since the last Full Town Council Meeting

a. Events, Arts, Culture & Twinning Sub Committee held on Monday, 28th July 2025

Cllr T Collier presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

b. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 27th August 2025

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

c. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

d. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 24th September 2025

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

e. Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 8th October 2025

Cllr B Corrigan presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

f. Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 29th October 2025

Cllr L Geary presented the Minutes of this Meeting.

The above reports were **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED**.

TC36/25/26 Town Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor, Cllr B Corrigan, stated that she had attended 27 events since the last full council meeting in September. Many of the events were solemn, whilst others were joyful.

Details were provided about upcoming events. The Mayor took the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TC37/25/26 Town Clerk's Announcements

The Town Clerk took the opportunity to provide details in relation to the following:

- The public Christmas events have all been completed and were successful.
- The Christmas Lights Switch On went incredibly well.
- The Events Officer who was recruited last month withdrew his application 48 hours prior to the date of commencement.

- The Executive Assistant has announced her intention to retire in March. She will be greatly missed.
- The Asset Management and Facilities Manager has moved on to new pastures. We are looking to recruit a replacement.
- Work on Riverside Park Play Park will commence in February.
- NTC has been successful with the submission of an application to receive £2,500 to fund purchases to support residents in the event of a flood.

The Town Clerk advised that there will be several extraordinary meetings in January, in order to address the budget.

The report was **NOTED**.

TC38/25/26 Leader of the Council's Announcements

The Leader of the Council, Cllr D Campbell, announced that they had attended meetings of the Town's Fund and as such could report the following:

- The Regeneration Plan had been submitted to, and signed off on, by both the MP and the East Midlands Mayor.
- The government has launched the 'Pride in Place' scheme, which has superseded previous funding programmes.
- Both the 10-year plan and the 4-year plan have been submitted to MLGHC.
- Progress is being made in relation to commencing Local Government Reorganisation. Area Committees will be created to cover areas with 50,000 to 60,000 residents.
- The Children's COP 30 event was joyful.

The report was **NOTED**.

TC39/25/26 Questions from Town Councillors

None received.

TC40/25/26 Questions from Members of the Public

None received.

TC41/25/26 Disability Trust – Request to take over Trust

Declarations of Interest were received from Cllrs Skinner, Campbell, Geary, Rix, Corrigan, Ross, Goff, and Taylor in relation to links to the committee members.

Discussion took place regarding conflicts of interest in governance and GDPR. As a result, it was proposed by Cllr B Corrigan, seconded by Cllr D Campbell, that the proposal be rejected and the Trust be encouraged to find an alternative organisation to pursue options going forward.

A vote was held, and the request was **NOT AGREED**.

TC42/25/26 Neighbourhood Plan

Discussions focused on the workforce's capacity to undertake such a large project. The progress of the Masterplan, as well as the previous implementation of the Planning Guide by NSDC, should reduce the amount of time required to complete the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Local Government Reorganisation will affect planning departments, and as such, there is a perception that there will be an increased need for consistent input on planning application decisions.

It was also noted that CIL funding increases from 15% to 30% following the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was proposed by Cllr N Ross, seconded by Cllr D Campbell, to accept the proposal to commence work on a Neighbourhood Plan.

A vote was held, and this was **AGREED**.

TC43/25/26 Third Party Event Framework

The Town Clerk presented a draft of the Third-Party Event Planning Template, which had been requested by members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in October.

During discussions, the document was welcomed; however, queries were raised as to whether it correlates with the previous decision. It was resolved that the documents did not contradict the previous decision and allowed for charges to be made where necessary.

Cllr B Corrigan proposed, and Cllr D Moore seconded, that the proposal to introduce the Third-Party Event Framework be accepted.

A vote was held, and this was **AGREED**.

TC44/25/26 COP 30 Event - Review

Verbal reports were presented by Cllr L Geary and the member of the public who initially proposed the project.

It was generally felt that the event was a success, and it is hoped it can be replicated annually and expanded to other age groups.

The reports were **NOTED**.

TC45/25/26 Community Grant Application

A grant application was received from Just Sing (Newark Community Choir), requesting £500.00 to hold a Concert to raise funds for the Children's Bereavement Centre in Newark. This would take place in the Ballroom.

Cllr S Crosby declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

The item was discussed at length, and Cllr S Dickinson proposed, Cllr D Moore seconded that the grant application for £500.00 to Just Sing, for their fundraising concert in the Ballroom, be accepted.

A vote was held, and this was **AGREED**.

Meeting Closed:	8.34 pm	Next Meeting:	Wednesday 28th January 2026
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